Dear Sir


Your's of the 11th is received, those of Nov. 2. and Dec. 16. had been so in due time. I suppose I had not acknowledged them specifically from being perhaps too lazy to recover them while writing none of the B. I thank you for your information from Mr. Boyd and shall desire the instruments to remain in their present position until I can find a safe and gentle conveyance and give an order for them. The Russian discourse was duly received and was read with the feeling, that it would naturally excite in the breast of a friend to the Rights of man. on the subject of emancipation I have ceased to think because not to be a work of my day. The plan of converting the blacks into serfs would certainly be better than keeping them in their present condition, but I consider that of emigration to the governments of the U.S. of their own colour as entirely practicable, and greatly preferable to the mixture of colours here, to this I have great aversion, but I repeat my abandonment of the subject. my health is at present as good as I ever expect it to be, and I am ever and affectionately yours

Thomas Jefferson